

NEW HIGH SCHOOL IS ASSURED

Both Branches of City
Council Pass Resolu-
tion to This End.

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

Purposed Structure Will, it is Ex-
pected, be Ready for Use at Begin-
ning of Next School Year.

A resolution providing for a de-
cided movement toward the erection
of a new high school building at the
northwest corner of Cameron and
West streets was inaugurated by the
City Council last night, the vote
having been unanimous in each board.
A joint session was held for the pur-
pose of considering the report of the
finance committee on the terms upon
which the necessary money could be
obtained, and it was the opinion of
all that if the city intended to erect
the new school building the present
is the most opportune time. Of
course, it was realized by the mem-
bers of both boards that appropria-
tions for other public improvements
could not be made as lavishly as heretofore
while the new structure was being
financed, but it was believed that
most of the city work planned could
be prosecuted in the meantime. The
terms upon which banks outside the
city offered to finance the project
showed that the credit of Alexandria
is good and that those who offered
to loan the requisite money had per-
fect confidence in the city's ability
to meet all its requirements.

The resolution presented by Mr.
Bryan, chairman of the finance com-
mittee, was as follows:

Resolved, That the note authorized
to be issued by the ordinance entitled
"An ordinance to provide for the
borrowing of \$50,000, and to provide
for a sinking fund for the payment
of the same," approved January 20,
1914, shall not be negotiated for less
than ninety nine cents on the dollar.

After the joint session had dissolv-
ed, the resolution was adopted by a
unanimous vote by the Common Coun-
cil, which was also concurred in by a
unanimous vote in the Board of Al-
dermen.

Board of Aldermen
Two members—Messrs. Hill and
Fitzgerald—were absent in the Board
of Aldermen.

But one paper was presented in
the board. Mr. Brill, from the com-
mittee on light, presented a report on
a resolution providing that the city
discontinue the sale of gas stoves.

Mr. Summers asked if the sale by
the city of stoves had not increased
the sale of gas.

Mr. Brill replied in the affirmative
but said that about all who intended
to use gas stoves had procured the
same, and the city's supply was
about exhausted. The committee did
not purpose to send another order
until the fate of the resolution was
known. Mr. Brill also called atten-
tion to complaints which had been
made by merchants of the city en-
tering into competition with them
after making them pay a license tax
in order to conduct business. The
city, he said, had sold the stoves at
cost.

Mr. Ballenger suggested that the
committee could stop selling the
stoves without having the matter
passed through Council and giving
it an unnecessary prominence. He
moved to recommit the resolution to
the committee.

Mr. Brill could not see what util-
ity there would be in recommitting
the resolution. The members of the
committee had unanimously agreed to
a favorable report on the resolution.

Mr. Ballenger withdrew his motion
and moved that the Aldermen con-
cur in the action of common Council.

After further discussion the action
of the lower board was concurred in
by a vote of 4 to 2—Messrs. Sum-
mers and President Field voting up.

After concurring in the action of
the Common Council on a few papers
which had been read the board then
adjourned.

NEWS OF THE DAY

William Stanley West, former Uni-
ted States senator from Georgia,
was found dead in his bed at his
home in Valdosta, Ga., early yester-
day. Physicians stated that death
apparently was due to apoplexy.

Because he bit off the chin of
Thomas King, aged 40, manager of
the Boynton plantation, near Rule-
ville, Mass., Charles Williams, col-
ored, was lynched by a mob several
hours later.

The trip of General Carranza from
Vera Cruz to the Isthmus of Tehu-
antepec was interrupted by Zapata
forces who captured Soledad, and
from there sent a wild locomotive
into his approaching train. Neither
Carranza nor any of his party was
injured.

A small bomb exploded yesterday
in the courtyard of the basilica of
San Clemente in Rome, which is
the titular church of Cardinal
O'Connell, of Boston. Another bomb
which had failed to explode was
found. Windows of the church were
broken, but no other damage was
done.

Suffering from wounds inflicted
by the two daughters of William
M. Alexander, a wealthy retired
lawyer, formerly of Washington, D.
C., who was shot to death by bur-
glars in his home in Los Angeles,
Cal., early yesterday, two men were
arrested yesterday afternoon. They
gave the names of Glenn Witt and
Eitelbert C. Oxman. Both confessed,
according to the police. Oxman
saying it was he who shot the law-
yer.

The captain of the steamer Capri,
which arrived at Naples yesterday
from Hodeida, says that when the
Italian consul was going on board
the cruiser Cialdina a howling mob
uttered execrations against all Eu-
ropeans and maltreated the French
consul. When the commander of an
American cruiser threatened to bom-
bard Hodeida the kinsman there
replied by threatening a massacre
of the entire foreign colony.

Fighting between whites and ne-
groes in Oconee county, near Fair-
Play, S. C., which resulted in the
killing of four colored men and the
wounding of four white men Sun-
day, was renewed yesterday morn-
ing. A fifth colored man was re-
ported killed in the fighting yester-
day. Of the white men who were
shot Sunday, it is stated that Mag-
istrate W. C. McClure is in a dy-
ing condition, and Paul Marrett is
seriously wounded.

Final application to the United
States Supreme Court for a hearing
in the case of Leo M. Frank, con-
victed of killing Mary Phagan, in
Atlanta, Ga., will be made by at-
torneys or the condemned factory
superintendent.

The arrest last night in New Or-
leans of four men who admitted to
the police that they were Germans,
is believed by the police and opera-
tives of a national detective agency,
to have frustrated a plot to blow
up the French steamship Rocham-
beau. The police have in their pos-
session a box containing 75 pounds
of dynamite connected with wires
set to explode 6 1-2 days dating from
last night. The plan, according to
the police, was to ship the bomb by
express consigned to the Rocham-
beau at New York. It was intended
that the vessel would be blown up
after she got to sea, the conspira-
tors, it is said, believed she would
sail next Sunday.

Concerning the prowess of the
Indian troops, a German officer writ-
ing in the Frankfurter Zeitung
says: "Satan only knows what the
English had put into those fellows.
Those who stormed our lines were
either drunk or possessed with an
evil spirit. With fearful shouting,
in companionship with which our
horses were like the whining of a
baby, thousands of these brown
furies rushed upon us as suddenly
as if they were shot out of a fog."

William Ward, 6 years old, left
his home at 1231 Thirtieth street
northwest, Washington, Sunday af-
ternoon planning to cut down a
"Christmas tree" in the woods near
Rosslyn, Va., just across the Aque-
duet bridge. He was crossing the

FRANCE BENT ON WAR TO FINISH

Premier Viviani's State-
ment Arouses Every
Section of Country.

WAVE OF PATRIOTISM.

Complete Confidence in General Jof-
fre—Attacks of French and Brit-
ish Troops Continue.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Unanimous ap-
proval of all government measures to
be presented to parliament today is as-
sured. Adjournment is expected to
be taken tomorrow with all measures
enacted and the session, marked by
unprecedented patriotism and en-
thusiasm, will pass into history.

A new wave of patriotic enthusi-
asm swept France today. The govern-
ment's statement read in the chamber
or deputies, by Premier Viviani, de-
claring the intention of France to
fight until complete victory is attain-
ed, has aroused the greatest enthusi-
asm.

Complete confidence is placed in
General Joffre, the supreme com-
mander of the French forces. The an-
nouncement that he has removed
twenty-four generals was accepted
as "for the good of the service," and
confidence in the offensive movement
of the allies now under way is steady-
ly increasing.

The attack of the French and Brit-
ish troops today continued through-
out the battle line. It is evident, how-
ever, that shifting of German troops
or the arrival of re-enforcements has
resulted in the German resistance be-
ing strengthened. At several points
the French have been able to gain
but a few yards after extremely
heavy fighting. They have held their
ground all along the line, however.

The action along the coast con-
tinues to be marked by heavy bom-
bardments. Between Arras and
Rheims infantry attacks have been
especially violent. Advances by min-
ing are being attempted throughout
the battle front. The extensive wire
entanglements which protect all Ger-
man trenches are giving the allied
troops great trouble, but at some
points a grappling hook which has
been devised has enabled the troops
to tear away these entanglements.

Unconfirmed rumors were in cir-
culation in London yesterday afternoon
that a German cruiser had been sunk
off the coast of Scotland and that
two British destroyers have arrived
at Leith badly damaged.

Great Britain, Russia and France
have given guarantees to both Rou-
mania and Greece that the latter
country will not be attacked by Bul-
garia in the event the Greeks should
come to the aid of Serbia and that
the Bulgars will not molest Rou-
mania if this state should elect to
enter in the war. This action of the
triple entente powers, coming on
the heels of the publication of Bul-
garia's assurance that it will con-
tinue to maintain the strictest neu-
trality with relation to the interna-
tional conflict is generally accepted
as foreshadowing the entry of Greece
and Roumania into the struggle.

Old Dominion Railway trestle, west
of the brewery in Rosslyn, when a
car came along bound for Washing-
ton, and knocked him off the trestle.
A colored woman found his mangled
body.

Nearly 1,000 Austrian soldiers are
reported to have been killed or in-
jured in a collision of two trains
reported to have met while run-
ning at full speed as the result of
the accidental opening of a switch.
Many of the cars were reduced to
matchwood by the impact and the
passengers crushed.

Alfred Lewis, newspaper man and
writer of books, died today at the
home of his brother, in New York.
He was 60 years of age and had been
ill only a few days.

RELEASES THE SOLDIER

Unable to Give Bond, Judge Waddill's
Orders That He Placed Under
His Own Recognizance.

W. J. Gleason, a soldier stationed
at Fort Myer, was arrested and
taken before Commissioner Northrop,
charged with stealing an overcoat
from another soldier. Commissioner
Northrop committed him to jail for
the action of the grand jury of Uni-
ted States Court, he not being able
to give bond.

Captain Donnelly, of the United
States 3rd Artillery, addressed a
letter to Commissioner R. P. W. Gar-
nett, of Alexandria, asking him to
release the soldier, stating that he
had an excellent record, and that he
was satisfied that he was not guilty.
As the Commissioner has not the
power to release a prisoner after a
case has gone to grand jury, Com-
missioner Garnett immediately wrote
to Judge Waddill, enclosing Captain
Donnelly's letter. Commissioner
Garnett received on Monday an or-
der from Judge Waddill that the pris-
oner be brought before him and re-
leased on his personal bond.

CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Alexandria Public Schools Will Re-
open January 4.

The Alexandria public schools
closed today for the Christmas hol-
idays and will not re-open until
January 4th. There were brief
Christmas exercises this morning in
a number of the rooms after which
the children were dismissed. The
Episcopal High School and the The-
ological Seminary also closed today
and practically all of the students
have gone home for the Christmas
holidays.

SANTA ON THE STREETS.

Rings his Bell At Corner of King
and Royal Street.

Santa Claus, with his big white
beard, red coat and black leggings
appeared on the streets of Alexandria
this morning. He was stationed at
the corner of King and Royal street
and a box nearby bore the legend
"Remember the Kiddies. The Chil-
dren's Home wishes you a Merry
Christmas." Many passers-by stop-
ped and dropped a few pennies in
the box while larger contributions
were also received.

HOWARDS AT CHRISTMAS.

The grocery store of Howard
Bros. on King street is filled to over-
flowing with Christmas dainties
which this firm is selling at from
ten to fifteen per cent lower than
any other store in the city. Many
thrifty housewives who have found
the Howard store the best place in
town to shop are saving money for
other Christmas things by pur-
chasing their food supplies there
now. A comparison of the prices
charged elsewhere and their prices
as advertised in the Gazette today
will show this saving but better still
a visit to their store will mean that
you have the opportunity of picking
out the highest grade Christmas
supplies at a big saving in cash.

EMPIRE STOCK COMPANY.

The Empire Stock Company who
are playing a week's engagement at
the Opera House, presented T. S.
Arthur's great temperance drama,
"Ten Nights in a Bar Room," to a
fair sized audience last night. Mr.
G. Carlton Guy, as Joe Morgan,
the drunkard, and Miss Elsie Fowler,
as Mrs. Morgan, were all that could
be desired.

Tonight they will present H. B.
Blackburn's famous Irish comedy,
"Molly Brown," in four acts, with
full scenic equipment and effects.
Also a complete change of vaude-
ville.

Prices remain the same 10 and 20
cents. No higher.

Special Christmas matinee at 2:30
P. M.

Christmas night Mrs. Southworth's
popularity of "Ishmael" or "In-
the Depths" will be presented.

IN MEMORIAM.

Departed this life two years ago
today, Little GEORGIE YOUNG.

But he reigns in glory now.
He shines in the light of God.
His likeness stamps his brow.
Through the shadow of death his
feet have trod.

By His Parents.
(Washington papers please copy.)

2,000 GERMANS ANNIHILATED

Russian Masked Battery
Opens Upon Enemy
in Mid Stream

FEARFUL SLAUGHTER.

Hundreds of Wounded Swept From
Their Feet by Swift Current of
River and Drowned.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Two thousand
Germans, part of a column of the
advance on Warsaw, were annihilat-
ed in a single engagement along the
Bzura river.

Details of the fighting reaching
here today showed that the Russians
west of Warsaw masked their ar-
tillery and did not open fire on the
closely massed ranks of the enemy
until they were in midstream. The
destruction of life was frightful.

Hundreds of wounded were swept
off their feet by the current and
weighted down by their heavy equip-
ment, were drowned.

The advance was completely check-
ed.

The Germans withdrew and took
cover to escape the Russian fire.

At other points mines were explod-
ed along the banks where the Ger-
mans endeavored to force a crossing.
Such explosions invariably resulted
in heavy losses to the enemy and
threw their ranks into greatest con-
fusion.

The steady advance of the Russian
forces north of the Vistula is now
threatening the German flank. The
Germans, retiring on a thirty-mile
front on a line from Neidenburg to
Lauenburg are endeavoring to pro-
tect the system of East Prussian
railroads upon which the enemy de-
pends for the transportation of
troops.

The Russians are swinging south-
ward toward Thorn, and the Ger-
mans have been forced to hurry
troops in that direction.

AMENDMENT KILLED.

Proposition Falls Far Short of Two
Thirds Majority.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The pro-
posed prohibition amendment to the
Federal Constitution was killed in
the House of Representatives short-
ly before midnight by a decisive
vote. Instead of approaching near
to the required two-thirds vote, the
proposition received only a bare ma-
jority of eight. There were cast for
national prohibition a total of 197
votes; against the resolution, 189.
Fifteen members were paired, 25
were absent and not paired, and
one member voted present. There
are 7 vacancies in the House, the
vote last night accounting for 428
members. The Speaker's name was
not called.

The 386 votes cast on the final
vote fell short 61 of the necessary
two-thirds, for to have carried the
resolution would have required 258
affirmative votes.

A similar resolution also is pend-
ing in the Senate, where undoubtedly
the same fate will befall it. In
view of the result in the House it
is questionable whether the resolution
there will be seriously pressed. Pro-
hibition leaders, after the vote was
cast, said the result had fulfilled
their reasonable expectations, as
they had not hoped for a two-thirds
vote at this time.

The vote of the Virginia Repre-
sentatives was as follows: For
amendment, Messrs. Flood, Glass,
Hay, Jones, Saunders, Slomp, Hol-
land and Watson—8. Against
Messrs. Carlin and Montague—2.

The Carlyle Tea Rooms

Women's Exchange

BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCH

WAFFLES A SPECIALTY

Orders taken for Christmas fruit

cake, plum pudding, mince pie

LOCAL BREVITIES

Howard T. Colvin, chief clerk of
the legislative reference bureau of
the state legislature, is spending the
holidays at his home in this city.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary
A. Moore, who died Monday, were
held this afternoon from her resi-
dence, 121 Duke street, and were
conducted by the Rev. Edgar Car-
penter, rector of Grace Episcopal
Church.

Go to Gilbert Shaffer's stand in mar-
ket for your Christmas Wreathes

Live Turkeys 18 to 20 cents per
pound, dressed Turkeys, 20 cents,
chickens, 15 cents per pound. W. P.
Graves, 635 South Fairfax street,
22-3t.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

In Police Court today William Quill,
charged with an assault on John
Jones was sent to jail for ten days.
William Brown, colored, who was
found with seven chickens in his
possession, was held for ten days
pending an investigation.

Robert Jackson, who was charged
with an assault on Julia Rose, was
fined \$5.

JOHN M. JOHNSON A DIRECTOR.

Succeeds the Late James M. Roberts
on Board of Citizens' National
Bank.

At a meeting of the board of direc-
tors of the Citizens' National Bank
yesterday, John M. Johnson, one of
the leading attorneys of Alexandria,
ens' National Bank to fill the vacan-
cy caused by the death of James
M. Roberts. The board also elected
Captain R. M. Atkinson as watch-
man to fill the vacancy caused by
the death of W. L. Clark.

PISTOL SHOTS.

Three pistol shots in rapid suc-
cession about three o'clock this
morning startled people living in
the vicinity of Lee and Gibbon
streets. It was later learned that
the shots were fired by Harry Grover,
who heard some person tampering
with the door of the Gibbon street
side of his store.

On Monday night a man invaded a
yard on the west side of Fairfax
street, between Wilkes and Gibbon.
The trespasser struck a dog which
was in the yard with a club, but the
occupants of the house having been
aroused by the noise the intruder
vanished.

CRUELITIES TO JEWS

Brutal Scenes Enacted by Bedouin
Police at Jaffa.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The expulsion of
Jews from Jala was accompanied by
many acts of barbarism and robbery
according to a cablegram received
yesterday from Cairo, Egypt. The
message says that 600 refugee Jews
from Jaffa have just arrived at Alex-
andria on the Italian steamer Vi-
cencio Florio, and adds:

"Thursday afternoon Bedouin Po-
lice raided the Ghetto (at Jaffa),
and arrested 1,600 persons and drove
them, at the point of the bayonet, to
the quay. Here the Florio was forced
to receive as many of them as could
be crowded aboard.

"Scenes attending this operation
were heartrending. It was after night-
fall and harbor police and boatmen
stole all the watches and money the
refugees were carrying to the ship.
They tore rings from the fingers and
even earrings from the ears of wo-
men and girls, and the harbor rang
with shrieks and frantic pleas. Chil-
dren were separated from parents
and husbands from wives.

"Several of the men, resenting the
brutalities of their wives were thrown
overboard by boatmen and drowned
before the eyes of the women.

"The old Hotel Metropole at Alex-
andria and other hotels have been
hired for the refugees by several
wealthy Jews of all nationalities.
Many of the refugees are nearly
mad with apprehension for the fate
of thousands of relatives and friends
for whom there was no room aboard
the Florio.

"It is feared that this is only the
beginning of Turkish atrocities.
There are 25,000, or more peaceful
Russian Jews in Palestine."

TURKISH ARMY AT EGYPT'S FRONTIER

Russians Make Eight Night
Attacks and are Re-
pulsed.

WAR ON BLACK SEA

Engagements at Coast Towns—Mu-
covites Continue to Press on Af-
Moslem Soldiers.

Constantinople (via Berlin ar-
London), Dec. 23.—The Egyptian
frontier has been passed by Tur-
kish troops in force an official stat-
ment issued here today asserts.

The Russians made night attacks
east of Koeprikei, but were repulse
the statement adds.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—A Russian
torpedo boat bombarded the region of
Khopanob, directing its fire upon vi-
lages occupied by Turkish troops,
statement issued here today a-
nounced. In the direction of the Ve-
the Russians continue to press for-
ward against the Turks, who are in
considerable force.

Khopanob is on the Black Sea at
the Asia Minor Turkish coast about
twenty five miles south of Batum.

JEWS WOULD SAVE FRANK

Monster Mass Meeting And Petition
Urging Commutation Planned
In Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—In the be-
lief that a commutation of the death
sentence of life imprisonment will ul-
timately lead to the rightful ends of
justice and bring to Leo Frank the
man convicted in Atlanta as the slayer
of Mary Phagan, a final proof of his
innocence prominent Jews of Phila-
delphia have inaugurated a move-
ment to plead with Governor Slater, of
Georgia, to save Frank from the elec-
tric chair. Behind the movement will
be the most prominent of their race
while efforts will be expended to
make it both nonsectarian and non-
racial.

As a climax a mass meeting will be
held in the Academy of Music, at
which time a petition signed by thou-
sands will be prepared and a commit-
tee appointed to present personally
both the petition and a host of urgent
letters to the Georgia Executive.

Talked of but a few days ago
when the Supreme Court doctored
Frank to the death chair, the move-
ment has grown until within the
week it will be launched as a unique
and forceful effort.

It is proposed to name subcommit-
tees, which will have charge of ever
section of the city and superintend
the holding of a number of sectional
meetings. The petition will be pre-
sented for signatures at each of these
meetings, while all who wish to add
a personal letter will be invited to do
so.

These meetings will not be confined
to the Jewish race. The prominent
Hebrews interested are satisfied that
Frank is innocent. They are certain
that if his life is spared a few years
it will bring forth developments which
will result in his complete exonera-
tion. They want the other races of
this city to join them and wish the
support of every man who has a
doubt as to the guilt of the man con-
victed in Atlanta.

HOLDS CELEBRATION.

The Alexandria Free Kindergarten
held their regular Christmas celebra-
tion this morning at 10 o'clock at
their rooms on south Royal street.
A Christmas tree with lighted candles
was enjoyed by the children, and
appropriate exercises were conducted.
Many parents of the children
attended.

CRYSTAL RESTAURANT

Will open for business to-
morrow at
126 S. Royal